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1950 & 1951

HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARCADIA

I have chosen for the theme of Club History for the past year

"BUILDING"

Building on the walls of Time,
Some with massive deeds and great
Some with ornaments of rhyme.

The beginning of the building was the foundation laid by the members of the Club electing twelve members to do the work for 1950-1951 with Mrs. Charles F. Ganther its Presidemt.

The first affair of building friendship and connecting the efforts of achievements was the membership tea in September, 1950 for new and prospective members. They were welcomed by the Reception Committee of Past Presidents and were introduced and graciously served by the members of the Membership Committee of the Club.

To make it interesting for many members who are unable to attend the daytime meetings, we had a social night once a month. This was well attended with an ever increasing number of members and their husbands.

Building a connection between our Club and the civic life of our community was one of our main projects. This was done by representatives of the Club attending meetings of public interest of City Council and Schools.

On one occasion our President, Caroline Ganther, had charge of tea table at Arboretum Exhibit and Tea with eight Club members serving.

Our Club also supplied sixteen hostesses to serve when the Chest-Mobile unit visited Arcadia last fall.

A new Department was organized in our Club this year. Those members interested in art formed the Art Department.

The Ways and Means being one of the most important committees of our Club, worked in the summer with the result of making ready for the Country Fair and three parties during the year and a Rummage Sale.

When the Club season opened we were happy to see the auditorium had been dressed up with new venetian blinds at all the french doors. As time went on, we had new iron railings on all porches and steps for the safety of the many people who come in and out of our Clubhouse. The Board earned money by giving a dinner and put new asphalt tile on the kitchen floor.

The Escort Night in our Club was celebrated again with many members and their friends attending a fine dinner and entertainment following the serving. The program was one of the finest and most enjoyable the Club has had for a number of years.

December brought the most beautiful of all events. The White Christmas and its program with candlelight services and the decorations were outstanding in keeping with the season.

In February we celebrated our annual Camellia Day and built another story of good will and cemented our Club closer to the District Federation with prominent officers attending. Our special guests from Los Angeles District that day were: Mrs. Richard Mathews, Mrs. A.B. Belzer, Mrs. J.C. Jewell, Mrs. C.B. Willoughby and Mrs. W. Palmer. The Clubhouse and table decorations were a profusion of camellias grown by Club members.

In March our annual Peach Blossom Festival was given, which was originated by a former President of the Club. The Club float entered in the parade won Grand Sweepstakes, and our Club President, Caroline Ganther, won first prize for her costume at the Ball in the evening ending the festivities. Gretchen Kamietz, a member's daughter, was a Princess on the Queen's float.

Each Department put on a Club program during the year. The Drama Department members put on a play after countless hours of rehearsing. The Garden Department did the decorating of the Club, had a beautiful flower show, decorated a table at Nash's in Pasadent for exhibition, sent two hostesses to the Pasadena Flower Show and two judges at the Monrovia Flower Show.

The Juniors are having two regular meetings a month in our clubhouse for the first time and enjoying it very much.

Our President was 100% in attendance at District Councils and Presidents' Councils.

Our Club is now 100% Federated. We have joined the County Federation this year.

By the vote of the membership, one of our past Presidents, Mrs. Emma Meade was made a Life Member.

Our philanthropy includes: Community Chest, Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Campfire Girls, Blue Birds, Cancer Fund, Arcadia Welfare and Thrift Shop, Rancho Los Amigos, Dolls for Juvenile Hall, Cash to Veterans Domicalliary, Gift to Junior member with polio, General Clay fund, G.F.W.C. material sent to Germany, Easter seals, Sister Kenny Foundation, Nurses Scholarship in District, Purple Heart Veterans, Gifts to Casa Colina, and took care of Christmas Seal boxes. March of Dimes collection was taken in the Club and profits from that day's luncheon was added to fund.

Gifts to our Club have been an electric clock for the kitchen, $25.00 toward the purchase of a silver tea set; the Garden Department added the teapot to the set. The Juniors gave a Westminster chime clock for the mantel. A handsome Chinese screen was given by Mabel Dressler, Past President.

In keeping with the National Federation of "Building Freedom with Youth", our President brought from the District Convention this theme. The Club members voted its adoption and while started to be built this year, its conclusion will come later, but the foundation has been laid.

This has been an extensive Building program. The dimensions are so great there is no means of measuring them unless we use the yard stick of memories brought to mind by those who have come in contact with our President at the many reciprocity luncheons and good will gatherings she and Club members who have represented her have attended.

As the year 1950-1951 for the Woman's Club of Arcadia closes, and we begin another year we will go on and

"Let us Build Together".

History of 1950-1951

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